

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 22nd January 2012

Death Notice

We are sad to announce the death of Patricia Mulvihill, mother of Noel EI6HW who passed away last weekend. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam.

IRTS Region 4

Radio theory classes will be starting in February depending on numbers. If you are interested please contact Ger McNamara EI4GXB on 087-2532512 or ei4gxb / at/ gmail/ dot/ com

EI80IRTS Certificate

The Irish Radio Transmitters Society was founded 1932 and we are proud to celebrate our 80th anniversary in 2012. As part of the celebrations the Society will be using the special callsign EI80IRTS. A special certificate, available to all amateurs and SWLs, is being offered to celebrate this occasion. Contact the special call EI80IRTS during the period of January 1st, 2012 to December 31st, 2012. Requirements: 2-way communication on Phone, CW or Digi modes on the HF (1.8-28) and VHF (50-1200MHz) bands. Cross band QSO's will not be accepted for this award. Contacts made via active earthbound reflectors, repeaters and EchoLink will not be counted. The certificate is available in three levels: a. Bronze - 3 different bands. b. Silver - 5 different bands. c. Gold - 8 different bands. Applicants should submit a list showing the date and time you worked or heard EI80IRTS, plus frequency and mode. QSL cards are not required. The declared QSO's will be cross-checked for validity based on the logs of EI80IRTS. The application fee is €5 or \$US7. Thos EI2JD will be the manager for this award. Send applications to: Thos Caffrey, The Slip, Clogherhead, Co. Louth, Ireland. At the same time, please send an e-mail to contestmanager /at/ irts / dot/ ie to inform him that you sent your application by mail. IRTS members and affiliated clubs are invited to take part in the celebrations. If you or your club would like to activate EI80IRTS, you can contact Co-ordinators Ger McNamara EI4GXB at ei4gxb/ at/ gmail / dot/com or 087 2532512 or Thos Caffrey EI2JD at thoscaffrey /at/

hotmail/ dot/com for details.

A very attractive certificate for working EI80IRTS is sponsored by Dundalk Amateur Radio Society, and details can be seen at www.ei7dar.com/ei80irts.html

IRTS Request for Return of Trophies

It is time once again to recall all trophies presented at the 2011 IRTS, AGM in Limerick.

Trophies and Cups can be returned to the IRTS Stand at the Phoenix Radio Club Rally in Coolmine on Sunday 12th February. or to any IRTS Committee Member before end of February 2012.

This will allow for engraving to be done and allow for repairs if necessary.

Early return will be appreciated. Peter EI4HX at ei4hxperimental /at/ eircom /dot/net

Nominations For Awards for IRTS Trophies.

The time is here again for nominations for the several awards for IRTS Trophies that are required from within the membership, this includes the awards for, 1. Service to the Society or to Amateur Radio. Awards in this category can be to members or non-members.

2 Awards for other achievements.

Awards in this category [2] include the 4 and 6 Meter Shields, the SWL Award, and the awards for Quality Construction Projects. These are confined to members only.

When considering your nominations, please refer to previous successful winners as included in www.irts.ie/cgi/awards.cgi

Nominations may be from Clubs or Individuals, must be by post or e-mail, and can be forwarded to the Awards Committee Members, Pat EI2HX and Jim EI4HH, or to Peter Grant EI4HX, Chair of Awards Committee, QTHR, or by e-mail to ei4hxperimental /at/ eircom /dot/ net

Closing date for nominations is 29th February 2011.

IRTS 80th Anniversary

IRTS will be celebrating its 80th anniversary this year 2012. Details of a worldwide contest – CQIR – to take place on Saint Patrick's Day, Saturday 17th March 2012 have just been announced. Full rules and information are available at www.irts.ie/cqir or by email to [cqir /at /irts / dot/ie](mailto:cqir@irts.ie)

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will be holding its AGM on the 27 January 2012 at 8.30pm in Hannons Hotel Roscommon. All members are requested to attend and all newcomers are welcome to attend. For more info please see www.shannonbasinradioclub.com

Limerick Radio Club

The Annual General Meeting of Limerick Radio Club will be hold on Wednesday 8 February 2012 in the Limerick Institute of Technology at 7.30pm and all paid up members are requested to attend.

Rally: Limerick Radio Club rally will be held on Sunday March 11th 2012 at the Radisson Blue Hotel on the Ennis Road, Limerick. Doors open at 11am and all the usual traders will attend. Bring and Buy tables can be ordered from Dermot Gleeson EI2GT.

Tipperary Radio Group

The January meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place on Wednesday next the 25th of January in Raheen House Hotel Raheen Road Clonmel at 8.30 pm All are welcome.

South Dublin Radio Club Talks

Following Joe EI7GY's interesting talk on the DXCC programme Colin McKeeman will give a talk on aeronautical radio communications on the North Atlantic on Tuesday the 31st January

The club plans on launching it's television repeater for Dublin at the Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Rally in February.

West Tyrone Amateur Radio Club

West Tyrone Amateur Radio Club is running a course for the Intermediate Exam which will take place on Tuesday 3rd April 2012.

The course will be on the following Saturday afternoons... Saturday 18th & 25th February, 10th, 24th 31st March, we will be holding a registration night before our regular monthly meeting on Tuesday 7th February cost of the course is £65 which includes all materials needed for the course and the exam fee.

A registration form can be downloaded from our website at www.wtarco.co.uk

DX News

Kurt KE7KUS has been active as T6KK since 19 January. He is based at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan and will be there till mid-February. QSL info is via his home call (either direct or bureau) and Logbook of the World.

Another new station from Afghanistan is Jose CT1FKN who is signing T6JM. He is there until mid-June and is mainly QRV on 20m SSB and BPSK31. QSL to his home call.

Some activity has been heard from Malpelo Island where the HK0NA team are setting up the expedition station. The remainder of the team should now have arrived and a major operation will be underway. The expedition will last until around 8 February so everyone should manage to get at least one QSO in the log.

Laci HA0NAR is leading a small group which will be QRV as FW0R from the Pacific islands of Wallis and Futuna. Dates are 24 January until 23 February. QSL Manager is HA0NAR.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be

submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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